

City of Concord Recreation and Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2007 Held at COMF

Attendance:

Committee Members: Candace White-Bouchard, Janet Schofield, Mary Miller, Lauren Fiedler, Chiara Dolcino, John Mercier, Andrea Goldberg, Bruce Alleyne, Liz Odell and Councilor Keith Nyhan

Staff Members:

David Gill – Recreation Department, Philip Bilodeau – General Services, Doug Woodward - Planning

Agenda Items:

- Terrill Park
- Kimball Park
- Naming of Dog Park
- Revenue Sub Committee Update

Meeting called to order by Candace at 5 pm

TERRILL PARK

Phil Bilodeau from General Services and Nancy Berliner from Groundwork Concord gave an update on relocation of the Dog Park at Terrill Park. Phil and Nancy explained the need to move the Dog Park 50 or so feet from the current proposed location. Phil also indicated they will make a small basic parking lot where the existing snow dump area is located in time for summer. Nancy congratulated the Dog Park group as they have raised over \$17,000 for the park. Nancy and Phil indicated the fence should be up by early summer. The committee agreed with the new location and thanked Phil and Nancy for the presentation and their work on the project.

KIMBALL PARK

Phil Bilodeau from General Services and Nancy Berliner from Groundwork Concord gave an update on the landscaping project planned for Kimball Park. The retaining wall around the new playground will be replaced with a sloped grass area with some plantings. Nancy also talked about the possibility of the cross walks and entrances along Fishersville Road to be updated and possibly moved. The committee agreed with the work report.

NAMING OF DOG PARK.

Candace reviewed the letter from Anita Hickey asking that the large Dog Park area be named in memory of her late husband Jack Hickey who passed away recently. Anita's letter also asked that the small dog area be named in memory of Sandy Sanel. Both Jack and Sandy were very active in raising money for the park and without their involvement the group would not have reached the fundraising goal. Andrea made a motion to accept Anita's letter and to recommend that City Council name the areas as requested by Anita. Seconded by Candy. Passed Unanimously

REVENUE SUB COMMITTEE UPDATE

Andrea gave an update on the committee's findings and recommendations. The committee recommends an increase in the rates that the Recreation Department charges youth and adult leagues. The Revenue Sub Committee will be meeting with all user groups over the next three to four weeks. Chiara and Mary asked to have Chris Jacques from General Services present at these meeting in the event that groups ask about field maintenance costs; the committee unanimously agreed. The committee is planning on having a report ready to present to City Council this spring with the new fees effective January 1, 2008

NEW BUSINESS

David distributed a draft copy of the RFP created by Ed Roberge, City Engineer. This RFP represents all CIP projects for the summer and fall. Major projects are proposed at Merrill, Kimball and Terrill Parks as well as the Phase I at White Park. Phase I at White Park is expected to begin late summer, early fall and will include a new parking area, improved drainage and ball field improvements. The committee was very enthusiastic about the RFP and thanked Ed for keeping them informed. Phil commented that this is a great way to package all the park projects and also thanked Ed for his work. The committee agreed and looks forward to the start up of these projects.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Gill
Recreation Supervisor